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Group I: Claims 1-11

Group II: Claims 12-22

Group III: Claim 23-25

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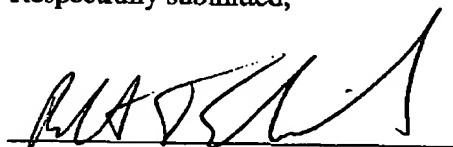
In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute **Group I, claims 1-11**. It is respectfully submitted that all of the objections and requirements of the Office Action have been met, and early, favorable treatment of this application is requested. Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, in

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